

TMAP

To improve the health and safety of low income seniors and disabled home owners in Tuolumne County. This collaboration with private and public partners will provide resources, support and assistance in the removal of hazardous dead and dying trees as a result of catastrophic tree mortality.

The Problem

- Successive years of drought has weakened trees ability to ward off infestations of bark beetles.
- ► The beetles effect the trees ability to transport nutrients and water up through their vascular system. That is why most trees appear to die from the top down. Ponderosa and Sugar pine trees appear to be impacted the most.
- Dead trees become a hazard to structures and roadways as well as add to the systemic wildfire risk in Tuolumne County.



The Problem



- P,G, and E, Tuolumne County and Tuolumne Utilities District are primarily concerned with trees that might impact their infrastructure and will remove trees at no cost.
- Low income seniors and disabled home owners may not have the ability to fund hazard tree removal on their property.
- There are no grant programs available to individual property owners that may have hazard trees that potentially could damage their property or a neighbors property.

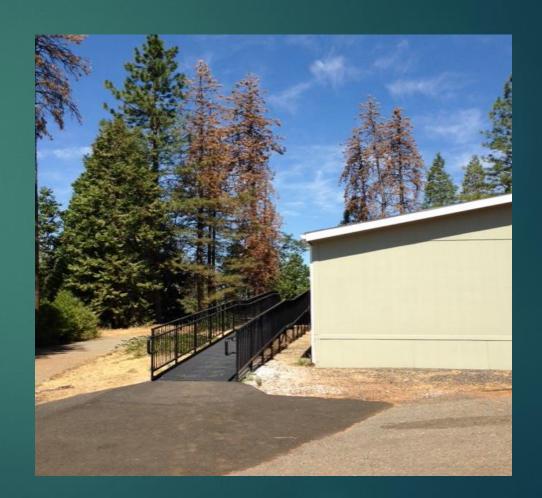
TMAP Organization

- Sonora Lions Club is sponsoring the program as a 501 (C-4)
- Area 12 Agency on Aging will assist in qualifying applicants.
- ► The Sonora Area foundation will serve as the fiscal agent for program.
- ► Glenn Gottschall and Rick Whybra will work with licensed timber operators and arborists in evaluating ground logistics for tree removal once an application has been selected.



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- Fund raising will be facilitated by Tom Penhallegon with a focus, initially, on encouraging local service clubs and organizations to be monetary sponsors.
- ► A website is in development which will provide information on the program, forms, and possibly a calendar of events for fundraising and involvement.
- Retired Tuolumne County Counsel Gregory Oliver has donated his services and will handle the responsibilities of the Project Administrator.



Selection and Qualification Process

- Applicants must meet certain criteria to qualify for program services.
 - * Must live on the property.
 - * Must be 60 and older. Or a disabled adult.
 - * The program only applies to Tuolumne County.
 - *Be classified as lower income per the chart on the income self certification form of the application.

- An applicant must have a photo ID.
- Must provide proof of US Citizenship.
- Must provide proof of income for all household members 18 and over.
- Must provide proof of home ownership.

What are TMAP's immediate needs?

- We need commitments from local service clubs and organizations to provide funding or to sponsor fund raising events.
- This funding will allow us to have leverage when seeking additional grants or provide a possible match for the Sonora Area Foundation.
- We need service clubs and organizations to get the word out, and garner support from the community for this effort.



Contact TMAP@ 209-532-6272 Ext. 208

A Website is currently under construction and look for the Tree Mortality Aid Program on Facebook



TMAP Organization

Project Administrator

Gregory Oliver

Secretary
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Sonora Area Foundation
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Administrative support
Area 12 Agency on Aging
Kristen Millhoff

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Logistics
Tree removal task force

Glenn Gottschall – HW 108 FSC Rick Whybra –Yosemite Foothills FSC Fund Raising
Tom Penhallegon - Chairman

Wendy Dart – Lions
Bob Bader - Lions
Michael Olenchalk – Rotary
Vicki Smith – Kiwanis
Amy Falken – Sierra Non-Pro

Mike Ayala – Kiwanis – and Sonora Area Chamber of Commerce

LOCAL FUNDRAISING

MAJOR FUNDRAISING

GRANT WRITING

Treasurer Clay Maddox

Publicity/Media
Jim Gormely Lions - Chairman
Greg Falken/webmaster/tech support
Amy Falken

The TMAP Operating Committee is made up the following community partners.

- Sonora Lions Club
- Interfaith
- ► Highway 108 Fire Safe Council
- Yosemite Foothills Fire Safe Council
- Sonora Sunrise Rotary
- Kiwanis Club of Sonora
- Sierra Non-Profit Services
- Area 12 Agency on Aging
- Tuolumne County Office of Emergency Services
- Tuolumne county Board of Supervisors
- ▶ Twain Hart Soroptimist Club